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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS

REF: (A) PRETORIA 3510; (B) USUN 901

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